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SUBJ: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY 8-19, 1975

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1. BOLIVIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER GUZMAN, SECONDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC DEPT. OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DR. JAVIER MURILLO AND MR. VICTOR TORRES, A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT. OF THE MINISTRY. THEY WILL BE JOINED BY THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS, FERNANDO ORTIZ. NONE OF THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATES WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND MURILLO EXPECT TO STAY IN WASHINGTON APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK, POSSIBLY UNTIL THE 17TH. THEREAFTER, ORTIZ WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MARCELO OSTRIA.

2. THE GOB IS NOT ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS BUT CLEARLY IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE REFORM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY THOSE ASPECTS CONCERN-

ING DEFINITIONS OF AGGRESSION AND THOSE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE RIO TREATY CALLING FOR DEFENSE

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COMMITMENTS. THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION IS ALSO INTERESTED IN

DEVELOPMENTS AND NEGOTIATIONS THAT MAY TAKE PLACE CONCERNING THE TRADE ACT, AND IS ENCOURAGED BY RECENT STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ON THIS QUESTION. THE ONLY AGENDA ITEM WHICH THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES IS SENSITIVE IS THE ONE DEALING WITH VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS CLEAR THAT BOLIVIA WOULD PREFER TO TREAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN GENERAL TERMS AND NOT SPECIFICALLY CONDEMN CHILE.

3. BOLIVIA WILL SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF SAPENA PASTOR ON THE FIRST ROUND OF BALLOTING FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP BUT IN SUBSEQUENT BALLOTING WILL SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE WHO APPEARS TO HAVE THE BEST CHANCE OF OBTAINING UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. THE GOB SEES TWO LIKELY CANDIDATES, NAMELY, ORFILA OF ARGENTINA AND GARCIA-BEDOYA OF PERU. AT THIS STAGE BOLIVIA IS TILTING IN FAVOR OF THE PERUVIAN AS THE FINAL WINNER.

4. THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE NEW GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES BUT IS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE EXPERIMENT.  
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